



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5644

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION FOR TEACHING
READING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of Higher
2 Education, in collaboration with the Department of Education, experts
3 on reading and institutions of higher education that provide teacher
4 preparation programs, shall develop a plan for the implementation of
5 research based reading instruction for teacher preparation for the
6 teaching of reading. The plan shall include (1) appropriate curriculum
7 for teacher preparation, in accordance with the assessment conducted
8 pursuant to section 10-221k of the general statutes, including, but not
9 limited to, changes or enhancements to the content of the curriculum,
10 such as required credits for children's language and literacy
11 development, the structure of language, assessment and teaching of
12 phonemic awareness, phonics, spelling and reading fluency, and
13 assessment and teaching of vocabulary, and comprehension and
14 written expression, (2) the development of an education major in
15 language and literacy at institutions of higher education that provide
16 teacher preparation programs, and (3) requirements that include
17 testing of teacher knowledge about reading development and
18 language structure for teachers of grades kindergarten to three,
19 inclusive, special education and reading. Such plan shall be consistent
20 with any revisions to the regulations concerning certification

21 requirements for elementary school teachers adopted under section 10-
22 145d of the general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2007, the
23 Commissioners of Higher Education and Education shall report such
24 plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
25 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and education, in
26 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
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HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*